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PLAN BONDS FOR DISTRICT ROADS

Call To Be Made For Election on Issue of \$1,800,000

MEETING APPROVES

County Engineer Gives Estimate of Cost of Entire System

Call for an election to be held January 15 was authorized Wednesday by the board of county commissioners on a proposition that \$1,800,000 bonds be issued for the purpose of completing the system of Everglades roads and connecting coast roads laid out in the petition under which the district was created in 1921.

The attorney for the board, M. D. Carmichael, was directed to prepare the advertisement in which legal notice of the election will be given.

This action followed a mass meeting held Monday night at which County Engineer George O. Butler presented a schedule of estimates of costs of the several roads. A report of the Monday night meeting is contained in the following story from the Palm Beach Times of Tuesday:

A campaign for the issuance of \$1,800,000 bonds in special road and bridge district No. 11, to inaugurate one of the greatest highway building projects in the Glades territory of south Florida, was launched Monday night at a mass meeting of property owners in the district.

A resolution was passed practically unanimously asking the board of county commissioners to order an election on the question of issuing the bonds, which was given by Chairman R. L. McCarty, who called the mass meeting that the requested action would be taken by the commissioners at their meeting Wednesday.

Following the passage of the resolution, the meeting then named an election campaign committee to direct the work of obtaining the mandate of the voters at the election to be called.

During the discussion as to the needs of the Everglades country, the drainage commission was bitterly attacked for its failure to bring relief, and it was urged that if the board does not hurry its program, the property owners may refuse to pay the taxes, thus forcing the issue with the state.

It was the opinion of the meeting that the imperative needs of the territory are transportation and reclamation. County Engineer George O. Butler presented plans and specifications for a system of drainage canals and 40-foot roads, which he has prepared since a mass meeting of Glades property owners several months ago at which time he was asked to do this work.

The plans as submitted by Mr. Butler call for the construction of 72 miles of canals and roads through the Glades leading out through the south and east shores of Lake Okechobee, which would include the Glades-Hendry county link in the Palm Beach-Fort Myers highway.

The program submitted by Engineer Butler and discussed at the meeting include the following:

Belle Glade to Hendry county line, 16.34 miles, \$293,000.

Belle Glade to Pahokee, 10 miles, \$222,000.

Chosen by Pelican Bay, \$121,800.

Chosen to Pahokee, \$98,600.

Canal Point to Broomfield, \$149,000.

For a road leading south from the north end of Belle Glade through Okechobee, and Gardena back to the lake.

Are near the Hendry county line, the whole south of the proposed road will be 30 feet wide. All will have five foot shoulders and slopes of one to two feet.

In addition the Belle Glade-Chosen road would be repaired and oiled at a \$18,000 cost; lesser new roads would be built, military trail and roads west of Lake Worth and other thoroughfares improved.

The building of bridges in the system, it is estimated, will take \$70,000 of the \$1,800,000 bond issue.

The plans outlined at the meeting call for the digging of canals parallel to the roads from which rock for the road beds would be obtained. All roads would be 16 feet wide except the Belle Glade-Canal Point road, which will be 30 feet wide. All will have five foot shoulders and slopes of one to two feet.

It was agreed by the meeting that drainage without roads would be useless and that the two great projects should go together.

The question of the salability of the bonds was discussed, and the meeting was assured by W. A. Dulich, board member, that the bonds would be fully protected by the assessed value of the property in the district, and that the bonds would find a ready

State Board Accepts Arundel Co. Offer

TALLAHASSEE, Dec. 3.—An agreement has been entered into between the commissioners of Everglades drainage district and the Arundel Corporation for increasing the rate of work on St. Lucie canal and contract has been awarded for work to be done on West Palm Beach canal.

Two dredges will continue excavating in St. Lucie canal until completed and will operate on the basis of 18 to 20 hours per day. The third will complete all the work which it can do and then be moved elsewhere.

Work on West Palm Beach canal amounts to approximately one million cubic yards of earth and rock.

The dredge Caloahatchee is at present on emergency work on the St. Lucie canal, but will be transferred to West Palm Beach canal in about 30 days, it was stated. The dredge Caloahatchee is a three-and-a-half-yard rock digging dredge, well adapted to the work.

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Main District Bonds Sold To Slayton Co.

TALLAHASSEE, Dec. 3.—The board of commissioners of the Everglades drainage district today awarded \$700,000 worth of Everglades drainage district bonds to W. L. Slayton & Co., of Toledo, at \$88.63 per \$100 par value plus accrued interest.

The bonds are to be paid for \$150,000 cash, \$150,000 a month thereafter, and the balance at option of purchaser. The bonds bear interest at the rate of 5-1/2 per cent.

Today's award brings the total outstanding bonds against the district to \$750,000. Total sales to date, including those of the amount of \$100,000, of which \$50,000 have been retired.

The bonded debt of the district authorized by the legislature is \$1,250,000.

EAST BEACH FOLK THANK CONNERS

Two Clubs Adopt Resolutions Commending His Energy And Enterprise

"Whereas, Connors Highway is to be reopened to traffic Thanksgiving Day, and on behalf of the community, the board of county commissioners, the drainage commission and the drainage district, do hereby commend the energy and enterprise of Mr. W. J. Connors for his interest in the Everglades, his confidence in the possibilities of this region and his energy and enterprise, and that we declare our appreciation and congratulate him on the success of his undertakings. And he is further

"Resolved, that a committee of this organization be appointed to present these resolutions to Mr. Connors when he passes through Canal Point Thanksgiving Day and that these resolutions be spread on the minutes as a record that when state and county initiative had failed to maintain thoroughfares, Mr. Connors' enterprise came to the aid."

A committee of the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce adopted the following resolutions:

"Whereas, Connors Highway is to be reopened to traffic on Thanksgiving Day and its quick restoration to use, like its early construction, reflects credit on the energy, enterprise and public spirit of Hon. W. J. Connors, the builder of the road, and

"Whereas, Connors Highway is of great service to the upper Everglades, where the greatest needs are adequate drainage and transportation, the re-opening of the Highway points to the time when the large bodies of idle land will be opened for settlement, therefore

"Resolved, by the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce, that this organization commend Mr. Connors for his immense contribution to the development of this region, and that we all join in the appreciation of his services to the people of this region."

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BUFORD POINTS WAY TO FINANCE DRAINAGE WORK

SAYS ONE BIG MISTAKE CAN BE CORRECTED

Extended Boundary And Re-financing Will Allow Speeding Work

Statement of an opinion that exactly agrees with the views of the great majority of residents of the Everglades is made by Hon. Rivers H. Buford, attorney general of the state of Florida in an article in the Florida State Journal of Tallahassee. As attorney general, Mr. Buford is a member of the board of commissioners of the Everglades Drainage District and is one of the trustees of the internal improvement fund.

Belief that the policy Mr. Buford advocates will be adopted by the state drainage board is one of the grounds for the better feeling in the Everglades and an inspiration to continued effort. In the course of his article Attorney General Buford says:

"Everglades Drainage

"The attorney general is a member of the board of commissioners of the Everglades Drainage District, which is charged with the duty of draining and reclaiming swampy fit for habitation, that vast area of the richest agricultural land in the world, known as the Florida Everglades. This board is a public body of efficiency and economy. Its records, which are open at all times for public inspection, show in minute detail the expenditure of every penny which has come to its treasury. These records show accurately what the actual cost has been per acre of land reclaimed, and the results of every project and that the work has been more economically performed than has any other work done anywhere."

"In my opinion, the one big mistake has been made that the project has never been adequately financed, and, therefore, the board has been forced to adopt a policy of working slowly to stay within available funds."

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PAPER'S POLICY APPROVED BY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Okechobee, Fla., Nov. 28, 1924. Mr. Howard Sharp, Canal Point.

Dear Sir: At a meeting of Okechobee Community Council held Nov. 25, 1924, we unanimously endorsed the policy of your paper, The Everglades News, and assure you that this community is behind you as long as you tell the truth about conditions in the Everglades and champion the cause of the Everglades people.

Sincerely yours, OKEELANTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL, Sam Cooper, Secretary.

ROAD CROSS STATE OPEN NEXT WEEK

Traffic Now Going Over Kissimmee River; 7 Hours From Coast To Coast

Automobiles have been crossing Kissimmee river since Tuesday, passing on a by-pass or runaround where the steel span is to be installed in the pile and trestle wooden structure. This avoids use of the ferry.

The section of state road No. 8 west of Kissimmee river will be open to traffic early next week. This section is not yet hard-surfaced but it will be maintained in good condition by dragging it frequently with sand or gravel hauled. There is a mountain of Ocala limestone on the east-bank of the river, to be placed on the grade.

With this section open from Kissimmee river to Lake Annie next week, the motoring distance from West Palm Beach to Tampa will be reduced to 221 miles and can easily be made in seven hours.

State road No. 8 connects at Okechobee with section No. 1. The route thence is by way of Canal Point to West Palm Beach.

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ELLIOT ARRANGES TO TAKE OUT ROCK AT 20-MILE BEND

DATE OF STARTING WORK IS NOT SET

Chief Engineer Offers Rock For County Road To Loxahatchee

A dipper dredge will be placed in West Palm Beach canal "within the next few weeks" to take rock out of West Palm Beach canal to a depth of 5 feet in the 5-mile section from 20-mile bend to Loxahatchee Farms. Statement of the plan of the state drainage board is made in a letter from F. C. Elliot, chief drainage engineer, written from Tallahassee November 29 to George O. Butler, county engineer. The proposed work is an assurance of protection against the possibility of high waters of the past several years. It will be in execution of a plan of work for this region made years ago.

Proffer of the rock from the canal is made to Palm Beach county, in order that the road, low at that point, can be raised. County Engineer Butler said he was sure the offer of the rock could be accepted.

Mr. Elliot's letter in full follows: "Dear Mr. Butler: Within the next few weeks board of commissioners of Everglades Drainage District expects to place a dipper dredge on certain work in West Palm Beach canal. The section of work by the dipper dredge will begin at twenty-mile bend and extend east to Loxahatchee Farms. This work will consist in deepening the canal about 4 to 5 feet and, increasing its bottom width. It has been a considerable problem to get rid of excavated material, which will be rock. A section of the canal has been made of the dipper dredge strips the earth. We want to dispose of the rock in the most economical manner possible. From the twenty-mile bend to Loxahatchee, the permit spoiling the canal is difficult by reason of the fact that practically no spoil bank along section. Along this section, also, the county road on the north bank of the canal is quite low. It has been used water twice since constructed and probably will be again during storm periods. I am wondering if you would be willing to have the dipper dredge spoil a sufficient amount of rock, carefully placed and as evenly distributed as practically possible, along the north bank of the your road grade say two feet, or whatever would be decided upon. I think that the work could be done by the dredge with sufficient care to enable traffic to be continuous. There would, of course, be a section of 30 to 40 feet probably where the fresh material would be rough and inconvenient to drive over, but with a small gang of men simply spreading the material in the position and the rapidity with which this material dries out and sets, I thought not to make such a drawback that traffic would not be able to get along with a short section where some inconvenience might be encountered. The value to the road in having the two feet additional elevation of road, hard material will be well worth while if the temporary inconvenience can be put up with."

For the section where the spoil bank begins the dredge will probably not be able to deposit material on the road but through this section there is no need for additional elevation. Along this portion it is proposed to wash down the spoil bank on the south side with the section dredge and to deposit all material on the south bank except a small portion which will be used in re-grading the road bed."

"If you think well of the above I would be glad to have you advise me and also to go over the matter with Mr. Glenn V. Scott so that our plans can be made in advance for handling the same."

"Yours very truly, F. C. ELLIOT, Chief Drainage Engineer."

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State Chemist Rose Re-visits East Beach

Capitain R. E. Rose of Tallahassee, state chemist, visited the Okechobee region Tuesday and Wednesday, coming in by way of Clewiston and going to West Palm Beach Wednesday afternoon. His purpose for the visit was to get water conditions. He said his observation confirmed the impression he got from reading reports in The Everglades News.

Capitain Rose came to Florida more than 40 years ago and directed the Division of Reclamation. He

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CLEAN OUT THE CANALS

"Clean out the canals; that is not undertaking additional work—it is only finishing work started 17 years ago."

The chief engineer of the Everglades Drainage District writes sagely of "Haines." There would be no wisdom," he wrote in the Florida Magazine, "in immediately constructing canals at random for 12 miles, or a district 140 miles long by 70 miles wide." (What does immediately mean?) And then he wrote that 427 miles of main canals have been opened.

Not one of those canals is completed. Hamilton District has 13 miles of canal and Nine-Mile canal more than 40 years ago. North-North River canal was started more than 17 years ago. A woman senior at South Bay comments: "Clean out the canals; that is not undertaking additional work—it is only finishing work started 17 years ago."

The "president of a large land company" who presumes to lecture on the subject of the canals in the Everglades quotes the stale paragraph of the Randolph report that has been read over and over again by settlers and others who claim that the Everglades can be reclaimed progressively. The Everglades area of it has been reclaimed, no "unreclaimed" has a more fluid meaning than the Latin *terra incognita*.

A declaration that the land is not possible until the canal serving the assigned area is completed and is functioning. None of the canals are completed. None are functioning fully. They can be completed; they can be made to function fully. The most charitable conclusion for the failure is the lethargy of state drainage officials. Or is it the right word?

HOW MUCH RAINFALL?

We will never get anywhere in the adjustment of troubles in the Everglades Drainage District until there is a general disposition to get the facts, face them, analyze them and make deductions from them. This will do away with guesswork and its unhappy consequences. Here is a sample.

Mr. A. L. Mathews, writing in the Palm Beach Post of November 16, speaking of the Canal Point-Pahokee district says:

"Now when on top of 29 inches of rainfall is added, a rainfall of from 20 to 30 inches in a period of less than a week, it is beyond the ability of anyone to construct a drainage system which will stand up to such a tremendous precipitation in such a time."

The conclusions he draws from his figures are in error at the moment; our present business is with the accuracy of his figures. He is dealing with a matter of great importance and the importance and if the matter is to be discussed at all it should be discussed intelligently.

As nearly as we can figure it, Mr. Mathews does not know what he is talking about when he talks of the Pahokee district. According to the records kept at the United States gauging station by C. P. Sheffield and printed weekly in this newspaper, the rainfall from the first of October to the 18th day of October was 3.85 inches. According to the figures sent to the drainage board by the West Palm Beach office of E. W. Simmons, the lock-tender, the rainfall at Canal Point in the same period was 3.41 inches. The figures are close enough to warrant the assumption that they check one another and are approximately correct.

There was 12 inches of rain up to the 18th of October at his Gladesview place, Mr. Mathews says. Maybe there was—we don't care—but he can't and "get by" with it, assuming that it is the territory where the rainfall was one-fourth of that. He cannot draw a conclusion as regards the priority from data of his territory. He's got to know what he's talking about when he presumes to instruct us.

As for the storm period of October 19, 20 and 21. The lock-tender's report is that 11.16 inches fell at Canal Point on those three days; Mr. Simmons' report is that 12.15 inches. Taking the highest figures in both cases, the rainfall from the first of October to the 21st inclusive of October 18 was 3.85 inches. The rainfall for the storm period was 12.15 inches. This added makes 16.00 inches.

He makes his error greater when, after he found that we had 12 inches of rain because he did, he piles "20 or 30 inches in a period of less than a week" on us, when the whole of the rain in the storm period was 12.15 inches, not the "20 or 30 inches" he says we had. The storm period went on for 12 days, not 12 plus 20 inches of rainfall here. There was only 3.85 plus 12.15.

The Everglades News maintains that the rainfall during the summer and during the fall and including the storm period in October and the whole of October was not greater than could have been carried off without serious damage IF MR. ELLIOT AND HIS

EMPLOYEES HAD BEEN ON THE JOB.

As the extent of the damage by the flood could have been lessened had the drainage officials and staff been on the job, so loss can be avoided in the future if close attention is paid to affairs in the district.

"The country is all right," the only trouble is the manner of administration of the district. Change in manner of administration will lessen the losses.

THROUGH ROADS

The difference between local roads and through highways has been well illustrated in Canal Point in the past sixty days—illustrated better probably than has even been done elsewhere in the state, for the peculiar conditions permitted comparison and contrast.

For years Canal Point had no road of any kind. Then came Cannons Highway, which was utilized for both local and through traffic, and there was a literal procession of automobiles and trucks. The flood closed the highway to the extent of about two weeks—just as a contrast was afforded even more striking than before. The highway was reopened between Canal Point and Okeechobee, and another aspect of traffic was exposed, for although Okeechobee is accessible from Sebring and Fort Pierce, the travel was slow.

Through roads seem to stimulate local traffic, and the through traffic when supplemented by the increased local traffic makes a volume of large proportions. If any community doubts the benefits to business from a through road they should consider Canal Point.

THE TOMATO CROP

New Orleans Times-Picayune: "What is the largest vegetable crop in the United States? Potatoes! Of course you have guessed right, but the right answer is taking absolutely the right attitude with regard to the drainage problem. The matter of drainage came up at the meeting of the Board of Commerce and we believe that some results will eventually be obtained through work and action on the part of our people most vitally affected by lack of drainage facilities, especially with regard to St. Lucie canal. We hope to hear from the office very truly yours,

LETTERS FROM READERS.

Miami, Fla., Nov. 25, 1924. Dear Mr. Sharp: I am home now so please change the address and send the paper to me at S. E. 8th street. The high water this season did us little or no damage. Our only trouble was gathering his fourth picking of beans last week. Yours truly,

G. A. HUBBARD, Sr.
Florida Syrup Producers' Club.

Okeelanta, Fla., Nov. 28, 1924. Dear Mr. Sharp: At a meeting of the Community for the Everglades, representatives of the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce to visit this section, we decided to wait until the 30 or 40 miles of canals are taken out of the canal, so they can get here. I was instructed to write to the I. B. Board demanding certain things but I have not done so yet as I cannot write a good letter unless I am in "flood." Yours,

SAM COPPER.

Everglades Lodge, South Bay, Nov. 24, 1924.

Dear Mr. Sharp: You will find enclosed check for \$2 for my subscription to the Everglades News. South Bay likes your courage, so we say the same thing as Belle Glade—don't let it sure takes courage to say what you think and live in the Everglades without drainage. Clean out the canals—that is not undertaking additional work—it is only finishing work started 17 years ago.

MRS. O. V. ELLIOT.

West Palm Beach, Nov. 28, 1924.

Gentlemen: I have just read with interest your editorial on the first page of your paper November 28 and am glad to see you are taking absolutely the right attitude with regard to the drainage problem. The matter of drainage came up at the meeting of the Board of Commerce and we believe that some results will eventually be obtained through work and action on the part of our people most vitally affected by lack of drainage facilities, especially with regard to St. Lucie canal. We hope to hear from the office very truly yours,

CONSOLIDATED REALTY CO.

By F. J. Anderson, Secy.

U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., Nov. 23, 1924.

My Dear Mr. Sharp: I had the pleasure of making your acquaintance about four and a half years ago while at a member of a boat party. I was sightseeing about Lake Okeechobee. Yesterday I received from my brother, J. E. Parker, of the Everglades News of October 31. I am glad that you have made yourself a part of the Glades country. That is needed by one who is interested, to keep accurately informed on conditions there, to share your faith in the country and believe your stand on the drainage question can produce nothing but good. Enclosed find check for \$2 to cover subscription for the Everglades News for a year. Yours truly,

P. B. PARKER, Capt. Inf.

	Gen. Fund	Int. and	TOTAL
Dual	\$98,048.16	\$285,301.00	\$1,869,113.20
Dual	579,812.05	109,852.11	452,824.83
Hillsborough	498,970.07	149,433.13	238,203.50
Orange	161,491.81	82,362.50	134,783.94
Palm Beach	171,238.07	36,988.86	313,471.94
Pinellas	266,444.44	103,461.89	74,962.10
Volusia	264,526.09	62,928.53	119,803.31

St. Augustine, Fla., Nov. 11, 1924.

Dear Sir: I send you my check to help you out of the depression which must have come to all enterprises in the Everglades region. I am very glad that you are doing this. It is a link. The same thing will apply to the West Palm Beach canal, in that it is no larger than its smallest part. Opening this article says: "With regard to the movement started in July of this year for the construction of the West Palm Beach canal, it would have been a physical impossibility to have removed the obstructions in the West Palm Beach canal in time to have had any effect on conditions this year." Yes, we all know this, and the question at issue is why was this not done at least 10 years ago. It seems the completion of this work was dropped, to construct the St. Lucie canal through a sand

St. Thomas, Ont. Nov. 7, 1924.

Dear Sir: I do not know how my subscription stands but I do know that the expense of running a pioneer newspaper does not "stand by" runs. So enclosed find a remittance. As one interested in the Everglades I feel that that you are doing a little paper, suspended even for an issue. Keep on broadcasting conditions as they are and you will surely meet with the approval of your country and if you do not eventually receive your rewards here I hope you will receive them in the hereafter. Halos are passed around. Hoping sometime in the future to grasp the hand of a man who has been the best friend of the Everglades I remain, Yours truly,

P. S. Owing all of section 21 on West Palm Beach Canal. I wonder if all of the land on that canal to the Big Mound canal has been flooded?

R. N. P.

Reply: It was

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 28, 1924.

Mr. Howard Sharp, Editor, The Everglades News, Canal Point, Fla.

Dear Sir: I was subscribed to your paper the early part of this year and think that our subscription was for six months, and during those six months we ran an ad in your paper. We are writing you this letter and we want you to let us know promptly what we

cost us for the same ad that we had in last season for six months, also what we will credit us for 12 months.

We liked your paper very much and we do a considerable business through your section of Florida. Mr. Sharp, we feel that we were benefited by your circulation last spring and early summer and as your paper is new and working well, we want you to begin publishing this ad you ran for us last spring and commence at once. You may enclose us two bills—one for six months and one for 12 months and we will then decide which period of time we will subscribe for and mail you check.

We have your issue of November 14 before us at this writing which was sent by one of our good Florida shippers and we regret very much to learn that the flood has done so much damage, but we trust that it will soon subside and that the farmers' second crops will be good and sell for good prices. The have our sympathy and whenever shipments are entrusted to us, we will try and get every penny that we can for them. With best wishes, we are, Yours very truly,

McCREADY COMMISSION CO.

J. L. McCready.

Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 10, 1924.

Dear Sir: I am glad that there is someone that will give the true condition of the Glades. I bought 10 acres in 1910 and was given every assurance that it would be drained in 1912. Then I bought 10 acres on the 10th of 1915; I understand that it is 18 inches under water. Now according to Swearingen it should be dry 10 years ago. Now, land near mine has produced \$1000 an acre. Is there not some way that I could recover a part of the money I paid for the land?

I received a letter from a friend in Okeelanta saying that it looked like the water would be out of the Glades by a conspiracy to drive out the small land owners. Well, I will see them where they want water before they get out. I want to see one of the Glades covered with happy homes. You can count on me as a subscriber while you run the paper as it is.

CHAS. J. TODD.

Editor of The Everglades News:—

I notice in the Stuart Developer of November 18 an article entitled "Some Facts About Everglades Drainage" by one A. Mathews. I do not know whether it should be called facts or otherwise. Mr. Mathews in this article says he is president of a land company in the Everglades, but I think he means to say he is president of a water company. In an editorial of the Developer of the above issue, the editor says there are not more than 160 acres of farm land in the Everglades that were not inundated. We of Pahokee do not know where this 160 acres is. As we read further in the editorial we learn that Mr. Mathews is president of a company which is selling safeguards to all the land in the Everglades, so we presume this 160 acres is sticking up out of the water company that Mr. Mathews is president of.

In this article on Everglades drainage we farmers and land owners are told how we should construct lateral ditches through our lands to drain into the state canals, etc. We beg to state wherever this has been done, the water flows from the state canals into the laterals and overflows our lands and crops. Yes, we all know the West Palm Beach canal is not doing its full capacity. We know when the lake is at 16.5 above sea level, there is only about 15 to 20 inches of water flowing over the rock shoals, that should have been removed 10 years ago. A channel is no stronger than its weakest link. The same thing will apply to the West Palm Beach canal, in that it is no larger than its smallest part.

Under the heading of "Opening" this article says: "With regard to the movement started in July of this year for the construction of the West Palm Beach canal, it would have been a physical impossibility to have removed the obstructions in the West Palm Beach canal in time to have had any effect on conditions this year." Yes, we all know this, and the question at issue is why was this not done at least 10 years ago. It seems the completion of this work was dropped, to construct the St. Lucie canal through a sand

county, only to be washed full of sand bars, and it is said it would take one will dredge one year to remove these sand bars, adding more expense to our taxation. We have no assurance that this condition will not be lasting. It truly does remind us of a child who starts some playing then tires of it, and starts to play at something else. Nature has so generously drawn a mark across the land to the Gulf of Mexico, showing us the place to dig a canal, when civilization was ready for it. It was multiplied and started to spread out and Florida became inhabited, some one named it "Gulf of Mexico." But the finger, so to speak, pointing to this natural outlet of Lake Okeechobee was ignored by our engineers and only \$11,000,000 was raised so far by the state, which we pay back in time to come by taxation to build canals up hill that no one accuses of functioning in time of high water when they are most needed.

I, along with others bought Everglades land as long as 14 years ago, paid taxes and patiently waited all these years for canals, which do not function except in dry months, and being patient for so many years, are ridiculed for criticism. Lord sakes alive! What can one expect us to do? Well, I do not know what is expected from us, other than to make lateral canals and ditches for the water to run into from the West Palm Beach canal. Some of us do not know very much, but there is one thing we do know and we know it thoroughly. We have formed what is known as the Pahokee Drainage District. We have gotten so far along with it that one or more canals are almost completed. They are functioning fine, in so much as they gave us water from down near Lake Worth via West Palm Beach canal into what is known as main canal No. 1 in our drainage district, guiding the water up to the city of Pahokee. But wait till I tell you what we are doing. By the time our next rainy season arrives, we will have a 225 horsepower pump installed that will handle two and one-half million gallons of water per hour and we are going to slam; bang some water over some dikes to mix up with some water that some one is president of, for we believe our water is better water and will help to purify his water and if our water is not appreciated in the way it should be, it can be pumped into the ocean by big land companies, for we believe this is the only way to get rid of the water. I am not sure, but I think we are the head of our canals who are not two hundred years old.

AS. I. CUSTER.

Pahokee, Fla., Nov. 25, 1924.

Blackberries in America

Some variety or other of blackberry is cultivated in all parts of the United States except in southern Florida, part of Wisconsin, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, Montana and sections of the western states where hot, dry winds destroy the ripening fruit.

Boston Had Many Tories

About 1,500 loyalist families accompanied Lord Howe when the British commander embarked, with all his troops, for Halifax after being driven from Boston, on March 17, 1776, by George Washington and his patriots.

Raphael's First Great Work

Raphael painted his first great picture in 1808, when he was only twenty. The subject is "The Coronation of the Most Holy Virgin." The famous picture is preserved in the Vatican picture gallery.

Get Habit of Reading

Cultivate above all things a taste for reading. There is no pleasure so cheap, so innocent and so profitable as that of reading. Lord Sherbrooke.

But It Can't Be Done

The Eskimo dog averages from 30 to 40 miles of travel a day. Polar bears, if they could be trained to pull sledges, would make about 100 miles a day.

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MR. CONNERS FINDS PLENTY OF CREDIT FOR CANAL WORK

STATE DRAINAGE BOARD HOLDS UP PROGRESS

Chamber of Commerce To Call A Meeting To Consider Drainage

Disclosure was made at a meeting of the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce last week that if the Everglades Drainage District lacks ready money to do necessary work of drainage, ample credit will be extended the drainage district commissioners. As a result of a statement made by W. J. Connors and others, the Chamber of Commerce took a form of action that is stated in the following report from the Palm Beach Times:

The Palm Beach Times of Friday gave the following report of the meeting:

"That the entire Everglades section is suffering great losses because of high water conditions which still prevail as the result of the flood a month ago, and that the damage is the result of negligence and a faulty policy of the present state administration, was the report made to the Chamber of Commerce directors by W. J. Connors, millionaire Glades developer.

"Never since the flood has the seriousness of the Everglades condition been brought so forcibly to the attention of local people, as it was presented by Mr. Connors and the auditor of his corporation, W. L. McGriff.

The situation is not without possibility of quick remedy, however, Mr. Connors told the Chamber of Commerce directors. Relief can be obtained quickly, he said, if sufficient pressure is brought to bear on Governor Cary A. Hardee and his assistants to cause them to change the present policy of dealing with the Everglades drainage problems.

"Acting on Mr. Connors' suggestion, the directors appointed D. G. Binion and H. E. Robinson, president and secretary respectively, as a special committee, to organize the cities of south Florida into a permanent body, for the immediate investigation of the Everglades situation, and for the presentation of recommendations for relief to the state officials.

"According to Mr. Connors, Lake Okeechobee today is higher than at any time since the flood, for although the drainage into the lake is not so rapid as it was a month ago, the drainage canals intended to remove water from the lake are not functioning as they should.

"St. Lucie canal, intended to be the most important of the drainage waterways, is discharging at only about 10 per cent of its capacity, Mr. Connors said. Nearly 200,000 cubic yards of sand was washed into this canal during the heavy rains of October.

"At the present rate in which work is being done by contractors under state supervision it will be nearly a year before adequate drainage would be reestablished.

"Such delay is unnecessary, however, Mr. Connors said. The present slowness of work is caused by the alleged refusal of Governor Hardee to permit more than \$75,000 per month to be spent on the St. Lucie canal project. It was stated that the governor is intent upon this policy, because of a personal ambition to get out of office in January 4, without any new generated debts, Mr. Connors pointed out, however, that the damage being done because of a \$75,000 per month expenditure drains the work along so slowly, is saddling a debt on the next administration, many times greater than the work would be if the work were done at once.

"The Arundel Corporation, dredging contractors, who are doing the dredging of the St. Lucie canal, have received order from the state department, not to do more than \$75,000 worth of work each month, Mr. Connors stated. The company is willing to do more work and is anxious to work three shifts a day on the project, if possible, and will even agree to bear the additional costs on their credit books, if the state will permit it.

"This was done once before, for a short time, by the Arundel company. Mr. Connors and Mr. McGriff told the Chamber of Commerce directors that if the Arundel corporation proceeded with their work as rapidly as the corporation is able and willing to do, even though the state withhold the pay for the work until later, the canal can be reopened to full capacity within about three months.

"Get the St. Lucie completely opened at once, and the current in it will keep it open with but little assistance, the speakers said. This also Okeechobee can be brought to a normal level, and the pressure will be relieved once again.

"Throughout this discussion it was brought out that mismanagement was responsible for the present situation, but that the trouble is by no means a permanent one.

"Determined to prevent further delay, the Chamber of Commerce will request similar organization on both the east and west coast of the state and from the interior to send delegates to a meeting to be held in West Palm Beach as soon as possible.

"As that meeting, every effort will be made to cause state officials to provide immediate relief on the situation.

"Just give the Arundel company a chance to open up the St. Lucie and all the troubles of the Everglades will be over," the speakers said.

The less comprehensive story of the meeting that appeared in the Palm Beach Post follows:

"So that resident, landholders and communities of the entire Everglades might employ organized effort in working for the betterment of that great agricultural country, and may more authoritatively settle their problems with the commissioners of the Everglades Drainage District, a movement was set on foot yesterday through the chamber of commerce to form an association of all interested in the Glades.

"The more immediate motive for the organization is the high water condition about the northeast shores of Lake Okeechobee, caused in large part by the blocking of the St. Lucie canal, preventing adequate overflow from the lake.

"This situation was revealed at yesterday directors' meeting by W. J. Connors and W. L. McGriff, representing the extensive Connors' Glades interests.

"The developers said that the canal in its present incomplete state was too shallow and during the recent heavy rains failed to carry off all surface water.

"Consequently, waters along the waterway's banks swept thousands of tons of sand and muck into the canal, partially blocking it. As the canal is intended to be the chief overflow outlet for the great inland lake, the situation was regarded seriously.

"After thoroughly discussing the general conditions which have prevailed in the Glades for some time, the directors appointed a committee to effect the Glades organization. The committee will consist of President D. G. Binion and Secretary H. E. Robinson of the chamber.

"They were authorized to try to assemble all land owners of the Everglades and representatives of all communities interested in the country's development for the purpose of forming an association to promote the general welfare of that area. It is also the intention to effect a meeting of the Glades men in West Palm Beach soon.

"Their aid in behalf of the Everglades situation having been solicited, the directors authorized the secretary to ask the commissioners of the Everglades Drainage District to advise of any plans they might offer for relieving the flood conditions. Meanwhile will be asked for an official statement as to the general plans for, continuing the drainage work at present.

DRAINING THE EVERGLADES

Jacksonville Times-Union

The Christian Science Monitor recently discussed "Florida; The Old and the New," and told of the "discovery" of this fair land by people from eastern and western states and the splendid development that is now in progress. These prospects, according to the Monitor, "have found in Florida not alone a winter playground, but in many instances profitable channels for investment."

The newspaper then goes into some detail regarding the two great drainage propositions, and refers particularly to the construction of canals which are draining the Everglades. In this connection, the Monitor says:

"The second is a comprehensive drainage project in the Everglades themselves. More than 375 miles of these laterals and ditches have been dug within the last few years. It is an interesting fact that the state of Florida, the lands affected were ceded to the federal government shortly in the year 1850, under what was known as the swamp and overflow land act. One of the provisions of this act was that the state should devote the proceeds from the sales of this land to reclaiming the whole section by means of levees and drains. For more than seventy years the reclamation of the Everglades has been an unfulfilled dream. Now its realization is promised.

"The same processes, which make possible the drainage of the swamps are utilized to conserve and distribute water for irrigation where it is needed. With production assured, it is being made possible to transport the products of the land profitably. Where some-hung trees have stood for thousands of years there is now found the comfortable home of the farmer and gardener. The swamp is receding toward the ocean, finally, to be converted up, in its capacious depths. Broad highways invite the tourist and sightseer, and at journey's end welcome awaits all old and young. There has been a marked transition. The old can never be recalled. The new will become more charming with maturing years.

"Florida continues to be the nation's winter playground and the Mecca toward which thousands who have worked or become weakened with troubles that require a mild climate and rest for recovery. The lovers of outdoor life who can afford to spend a part of the winter in the far south are flocking to Florida at this time, and while here many find that it would be well to change their home to dwell permanently here. As the Monitor suggests opportunities are opening to the view of the newcomers, and Florida must grow rapidly and substantially. There is much more here than climate—opportunity fairly rushes to greet those who are awake to its demands.

Regular Chores

"Breathless co-ed sitting beside a farmer who is plucking a chicken. Watches operation gravely for some time. Then: "Do you take its clothes off every night?"

TO BID FRIDAY ON MOORE HAVEN JOB

Contractors To Make Tenders For Doing Drainage Work

DISSTON DISTRICT

Million Yards Excava- tion, Two Pumping Stations

MOORE HAVEN, Nov. 28.—The board of supervisors of the Diston Island drainage district will receive bids at the office of the secretary in Moore Haven, Florida, until 3 o'clock p. m., December 9, for materials, apparatus and labor necessary for the construction of a reclamation project which contemplates the following approximate requirements:

800,000 cubic yards earth excavation in main canals.

300,000 cubic yards earth excavation for construction of dikes.

200,000 cubic yards marl excavation in main canals.

12 miles 12 feet by 6 feet lateral canals.

60 miles old lateral canals to be deepened and widened.

300 linear feet pile bent bridges 8 feet wide.

200 linear feet pile bent bridges 16 feet wide.

70 linear feet structural steel and timber adjustable dam.

2 pumping plants complete with pumps, engines or motors, gates, buildings and foundations, each of a capacity of 130,000 gallons per minute through a lift of seven feet.

Plans and specifications are on file in the office of the secretary and the chief engineer in Moore Haven.

All bids must be submitted on blanks furnished for that purpose with the specifications for all or specified parts of the above construction. Bids will be received for all or any part of above construction.

Each bid must be accompanied by a bidder's bond or certified check in amount equal to 5 per cent of the gross amount of the bid as evidence of good faith.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, waive any or all formalities or accept any bid which, in the opinion of the board, appears to be to the best interest of the district.

OKEECHOBEE TAX ROLL FOR 1924 IS COMPLETED

OKEECHOBEE, Nov. 28.—City Clerk and Assessor R. P. Fletcher have completed the city tax roll for 1924, which shows the assessed value of property in Okeechobee at \$1,200,000, or a gain of 28 per cent over last year.

It is said the assessment represents about one-third the actual value of property in the city.

The council also will likely levy millage for publicity purposes at this meeting.

TELEPHONE EXPANSION

LABELLE, Nov. 28.—Linemen are busy at work renewing our telephone system. We are to get a new switchboard and new phones and many other improvements. Manager Fitz Zellweg expects to have a system, reliable and up-to-date soon. Our old switchboard will go to limbo.

MANLEY'S HARD LUCK

LABELLE, Nov. 28.—W. O. Manley, who moved into town to allow his children to attend our school, reports that somebody broke into his house at Clewiston and stole twenty-five dollars worth of seed beans and other articles. Mr. Manley has had a run of hard luck. The last time he left home, his house was burned down.

DEAYMAN HEADS NEW LODGE AT OKEECHOBEE

OKEECHOBEE, Nov. 28.—Brotherhood Lodge, No. 151, Knights of Pythias, was installed here last Wednesday night. 17 new members being initiated. West Palm Beach lodge had charge of the installation ceremony. The women of the Eastern Star served refreshments after the lodge ceremonies were concluded.

Officers for the new lodge were elected as follows: H. H. Deayman, C.; K. B. Eldon, V. C.; O. O. Davis, prelate; L. Scharfswald, K. of R. & C. E. Simmons, M. E.

PALM BUS LINE

NEW ROUTE TO OKEECHOBEE

Leave West Palm Beach 7:40 a. m.
Arrive Canal Point 9:30 a. m.
Arrive Okeechobee City 10:30 a. m.
Leave Okeechobee City 1 p. m.
Arrive Canal Point 2 p. m.

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LULA BARFIELD, Editor of Department.

MID-STATE ROAD CAN BE ROUTED BY PAHOKEE

SUPPORT SOLICITED FOR IMPORTANT MOVEMENT

Filling Of A Few Gaps Would Bring Road To Connection With Broward

By faith in the project and concerted and sustained action on the part of its people, Pahokee, which is now in an out of the way location, can be on a mid-state highway and the route of travel of thousands of motorists in as good a situation as any town in the state. The time in which this can be brought about depends on how seriously they regard the project and how zealously they work to bring it about.

The project is for extension of a road from Orlando through Kissimmee and St. Cloud to Okeechobee, thence on the eastern shore of Lake Okeechobee through Canal Point and Pahokee to a point on North New River canal, continuing on the bank of that canal to Fort Lauderdale.

Dixie Highway cannot carry all of the local and tourist travel without heavy expenditures which might far better be made in the construction of another road, to open up territory, and west line. There are four state highways on a north and south line through the Georgia line, but except for Dixie Highway all of them end at Lake Okeechobee or at points on a line with the south end of the lake. That is, there are no roads in the interior of South Florida as there are in the interior of middle Florida.

State road No. 2 is a good road from Jasper, Ala. to the Georgia line, through to Orlando. It continues to Kissimmee and St. Cloud in Ocala county. From St. Cloud to Okeechobee there is a grided road on an approximately straight line. Connors Highway extends from Okeechobee to Canal Point and Pahokee, and from there to Glades are to be connected by a county road. Broward county is to build a road from Fort Lauderdale on the bank of North New River canal to the Palm Beach county line. The people of Pahokee should exert themselves in aid of the movement for the construction of a road on the bank of North New River canal through Palm Beach county from the Broward county line to connect with the county road. With this done, Pahokee would be on a mid-state road as important as Dixie Highway or Tamiami Trail. A road through Pahokee can be brought about in less time than communities in west coast states have organized associations to promote their roads, and with good effect. The extension of state road No. 2 is fully practicable. Indeed, it is more practical.

Miami interests will support heartily a movement for another highway into that city, the trustees of the internal improvement fund and the commissioners of the Everglades Drainage District can be expected to support a movement that will increase the value of state-owned lands. The state of Florida will spend millions of dollars on roads in the next four years; the whole sum needed for the construction of the road can be had from state funds if a movement is organized and maintained. It is a rare opportunity for Pahokee.

The following resolutions were adopted at the meeting of the Canal Point Men's Club, Tuesday night:

Whereas, state road No. 2 and state road No. 3 serve the interior of the state north of Lake Okeechobee, and state road No. 5 is projected to serve the west coast and state road No. 4 serves the east coast and there is as yet no plan for the extension of state roads through the interior of the state south of Lake Okeechobee, and

Whereas, state road No. 4 cannot accommodate all of the local and tourist travel to point on the lower east coast south of West Palm Beach, and there is much reason for the opening of the Everglades south of Lake Okeechobee by means of a road through to a connection with Miami, therefore, be

Resolved by the Canal Point Men's Club that it is the sense of this organization that a movement be supported for the extension of state road No. 2 southward from St. Cloud in Ocala county through to Okeechobee City, where connection can be had with Connors Highway to carry the road through from the south end of the lake to Fort Lauderdale by way of North New River canal.

To this end we recommend that the participation of the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce be sought in the movement for the routing of state road No. 2 along East Beach and that the Canal Point Men's Club and the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce be urged to petition the communities at the south end of Lake Okeechobee on this subject, and that the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce be advised of our views and desire to operate.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Poland and Mrs. Stevens went to West Palm Beach Thanksgiving Day.

Mrs. M. Aggie Arcs, step-mother of Mrs. J. A. Gause expected to leave Tuesday for her former home in Arkansas. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Vana and Mr. J. H. Hayes came out from West Palm Beach to spend Thanksgiving with relatives here.

The Woman's Club monthly business meeting was postponed until next week owing to so many of the ladies being out of town that day.

Mrs. T. A. Bass spent last week in Okeechobee at the bedside of Capt. Bass' daughter, Mrs. Carl Blount, who was quite seriously ill.

Miss Natalie Moore and Miss Marie Swicord, teachers of the public school here spent several days last week with relatives in West Palm Beach.

W. L. Wilder left Pahokee Sunday for Plant City where he will remain until Christmas. His drug store in Plant City will be cared for by his family.

Rev. W. J. Nease left Monday for Jacksonville where he attended the annual conference of this week. R. J. Schroder drove him over to West Palm Beach in his coupe.

Jesse Davis left Monday for his home in Chicago. He was accompanied to West Palm Beach by Mrs. A. Kaltenbruner, his aunt whom he has been visiting for the past several weeks.

Mrs. A. Kaltenbruner and Jesse Davis left Monday for West Palm Beach from which place Mr. Davis will go to Chicago. Mrs. Kaltenbruner will remain in town for a short time before returning home here.

Prof. J. R. York, principal of the Pahokee school who was called away recently to North Carolina on business returned here Monday. During his absence from the school, Prof. C. M. Todd substituted for him.

Miss Inez Culp and Miss Katharine Nease spent Sunday here with their parents. Miss Culp is stenographer for Roebuck & Roebuck, law firm of West Palm Beach, and Miss Nease is long distance telephone operator.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Roberts and Preston Horn of West Palm Beach motored out Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Roberts remained over until Sunday here with her relatives. Mrs. S. A. Barfield and Miss Lula Barfield.

Miss Katharine Nease of West Palm Beach spent the week-end with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Nease at Pahokee. On her return Monday she was accompanied by her father, who will attend church conference, and Robert Schroder who spent the day in the city.

The Vivian packing house at the dock was being so badly damaged by the high water and hard winds of Lake Okeechobee that it was torn down to the dock and left to safety. It will be piled up on the ridge until later when it will be erected near the Pahokee depot possibly.

The trial in court at West Palm Beach Monday was attended by quite a number of ladies as well as men from this place. Several property owners were seeking to have their property withdrawn from the incorporation of the town of Pahokee. The trial was postponed until the 29th owing to the illness of the town's attorney.

From Another Correspondent

L. L. Stuckey and family visited Miami Thanksgiving Day.

Mrs. Ira York visited West Palm Beach on a shopping trip Monday. Mrs. D. S. Spooner accompanied Dr. Spooner to West Palm Beach Monday.

Captain and Mrs. Bass returned from West Palm Beach last Sunday. Dr. J. A. Gause who has been in Arkansas for the past month is expected here this week.

Mrs. A. Hansen left for West Palm Beach Tuesday morning for a visit of several days, with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Friend and Mrs. O. B. McClure and children spent Monday at the county seat.

Dr. Carreker of Canal Point was in Pahokee Saturday. We hope he likes our town and will come often.

All members of the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce are requested to be at the meeting Monday night, December 10.

The hunters who went out November 20 returned last week, bringing their full share of venison and turkeys, reporting a good time and planning another trip soon.

S. A. Barfield and Paul Rodgers returned Tuesday afternoon after having spent a few weeks trapping and hunting in the back woods. They had very good luck.

Yes, we have no dock for the mail boat of any other kind of boat, but still have the little old Lake Okeechobee, and some day we may take advantage of that fact.

L. L. Davis moved his family to Pahokee last week. They are occupying his building in front of Noble Padgett's store. High water caused the move from the Wilder place at Bacon Point.

Prof. J. R. York, who has been in Winston-Salem, N. C. on business, returned Monday, reporting weather rather cool for a Florida teacher and that he was glad to start for Florida as quickly as convenient.

The representative of the Miami Herald was soliciting subscriptions here Tuesday and stated regular delivery of the daily paper had been made here now on by motorcycle now that the Connors Highway is open again.

The land being too wet to build a tractor, Ben Doyus has assembled a crew of negro laborers and is running

six hand-plows on section 8, where he will put in 20 sacks of seed potatoes and 30 acres of English peas, snap beans, lima beans and peppers.

Surveyors are reported to be laying out the site for the depot of the Florida East Coast railroad near the Friend & McClure place, or in front of it. Here's hoping anyway that it is true. Seems that the railroad has more hopes for Pahokee than most of the citizens.

Several of the folks from Pahokee were called to West Palm Beach for the trial of the case of W. J. Connors, J. R. Poland, et al vs. Town of Pahokee. May the town be a town. Those called for the trial include Homer Vivian, Dr. D. S. Spooner, Marshall Lair, T. G. Dickson, A. R. Rice, Oscar McClure, Lennie Stuckey and others. Messrs. Holland, McIntyre and Welch, men for the Southern Bell Telephone Company, have been with us this week, connecting the line between Pahokee and Belle Glade with the West Palm Beach line. We will soon have a connection with the outside world. We need it and appreciate the good work.

The Thanksgiving services at the M. E. church were well attended and much enjoyed by all who were fortunate enough to be present. Addresses were made by J. A. York, C. A. Shive, W. J. Nease and W. J. Thomas. Several songs were sung by the congregation. Two selections were rendered by the male quartet. The Sunday school children of Canal Point sang a sweet little song and the school children of Pahokee sang two songs.

Those who attended the mass meeting at the court house in West Palm Beach Monday night, called for the purpose of discussing the bond issue for district No. 11 are very enthusiastic over the outcome of the meeting. Few there are on the east coast where they have access to good roads, can possibly realize the disadvantage of living so far back in the Glades, and the inconveniences due to the lack of hard roads. We live in hope that the program endorsed will be put through.

An oil-burning tug boat is being built at West Palm Beach for N. A. Campbell as a tender for the Campbell dredges. It will replace the Virginia Gist, the red painted tug that burned at 11 o'clock on the night of November 17, when the engine backfired. Until the new tug is ready the Katherine Gray dredge is being supplied with fuel by the Bernice and Cora which bring supplies to the bridge in Connors Highway where they are taken up the Pahokee district canal by a stern-wheeler. The stern-wheel boat was devised by Will Eastman; it is a large in which a Fordson tractor furnishes the power. It is understood that the dredge Gray will be taken to Sarasota or some other point on the west coast when it finishes the Pahokee district canal.

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CANAL POINT

The Wilma, the Clewiston mail boat, made its regular trip Thanksgiving Day.

W. H. Vann was out from West Palm Beach Sunday on a real estate deal.

W. J. Conners passed through Sunday en route from West Palm Beach to Okechobee.

Misses Cora Williams and Maude Horn spent a few days in West Palm Beach last week.

Mr. Hoste of Miami came out Sunday to get a car his mother left here during the high water.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McCullough of West Palm Beach visited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Adams last week.

The hearse of the Ferguson Undertaking Company from West Palm Beach passed through here Sunday.

Mrs. W. W. Pope returned to her home in Georgia with Mrs. W. B. H. C. Mashburn has moved from Kraemer Island to Okechobee. He has been on the beach place on the island.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Camp and son Robert of West Palm Beach ate Thanksgiving Day dinner at the Glades hotel.

Most of the sugar company office force went to the east coast Thanksgiving Day, some of them going to Miami.

P. T. O'Neil spent Sunday in Canal Point. He reported that he was running a crew of 30 men on Palm Beach Everglades Farms on cross canal, repairing dikes.

A pile driver on a barge was brought down Thanksgiving Day morning to raise the barge and pile driver that were sunk on the lake front near Conners packing house.

R. L. McCarty, chairman of the board of county commissioners, was out from West Palm Beach Saturday with a party of friends, including E. D. Anthony, Mr. Osborn and Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Klappa returned Friday from an automobile trip to points on the west coast. He is to be associated with C. P. Sheffield, this winter in the work at the cane-testing station.

J. E. Carter bought over two hundred raccoon skins last week in Lake Okechobee communities. He states that many coons and cubs will be caught this winter and as prices are fair, farmers will make extra money while the water is high.

Ed Forbes stopped in Canal Point Sunday night. He had gone to Belle Glade from Ritz Island in his boat and driven his car from Belle Glade to Canal Point. He went to West Palm Beach Monday.

After the Corona discharged freight at Canal Point it took groceries to South Bay. Captain Peter Cone and his son Percy L. Cone have land at South Bay and he wanted to see how soon they could get to work on it and put in a spring crop.

Arthur Fitzhugh's boat the Palms went through here at 10 o'clock on the night of Thanksgiving Day en route to Kraemer Island with 1200 bean hampers and 200 pepper crates for "Beach Turner & Gum." He took in some beans when he went back to West Palm Beach Saturday night in his truck.

Ross Winne came over Friday from his home on Torry Island to get bedding and other supplies for the hotel he has built on the island and where duck hunters will be accommodated.

W. A. Beader accompanied Mr. Winne to see if Canal Point had been washed away, he said. The Winne hotel was completed this week and is now ready for guests.

Ms. and Mrs. M. W. Bigg left Canal Point Saturday for West Palm Beach, where they will make their home in the future. He was the accountant for the Florida Sugar & Food Company for more than a year and has so systematized the methods that the work can be carried on without his personal aid. He is returning to Chicago to go into public accounting. Mr. and Mrs. Bigg were counted on to be permanent residents of Canal Point and their removal is a social loss.

It took him more than two hours to ride from Moore Haven to Clewiston. Jack Oliver, Tampa hardware salesman, said Friday on his arrival here from South Bay. The M. H. & C. railroad track is washed so badly that a motor car is being used instead of the locomotive and even the small car has trouble in getting over the track.

Oliver went from Clewiston to South Bay in the Forbes boat, the Fox, and from South Bay to Belle Glade in Walters mail boat and thence to Miami, where he was connected with a passing automobile and came into Canal Point and got his Studebaker car, which he has left here. He went to Moore Haven on the McCoy line.

STATE LANDS, CLERK

LOOKS OVER COUNTRY

B. Gwynn of Tallahassee, who bought land in the upper Glades several years ago with R. C. Johnson and C. W. Bell, visited Pahokee and Canal Point the latter part of last week. He came out with Mr. Johnson on the Gulf Highway to see the Johnson & Bollinger land part of the land in which he was formerly interested. The water was so high they could not get out to it.

Although Mr. Gwynn sold his Everglades land to S. W. Bollinger, he thinks well of the country, and a good real estate man might be able to get him to buy something more here.

Mr. Gwynn is head of the land bureau in the office of Hon. Nathan Mayo, commissioners of agriculture, who has charge of sales of state lands, than 1 can.

COMMUNITY M. E. CHURCH NEWS

The oyster and chicken supper given last Wednesday evening netted \$18.91 for the church benefit. We extend our thanks to all who donated and worked to make the supper a success.

Reverend Thomas left Wednesday, December 3, to make Immokalee and Padualde, the other points on his circuit.

Sunday school 10 a. m. Epworth League meeting 7 p. m. All members of the senior and junior departments are urged to be present. Bible study Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

LARGER DEPOT

Decision was made this week by officials of the Florida East Coast railroad to increase the size of the Canal Point depot and instead of it being 53x56 it will be 53x80. This is to be the size of the building, the platforms and sheds will be in addition. The Pahokee depot will be even larger. Foreman Patton, who will construct the station buildings, said Wednesday.

The pile driver having been reassembled after its spill from a barge into the lake during a storm last week, driving of piles for the foundation of the Canal Point station buildings will start this week. Material for the building will be barged here from St. Lucie next week.

Location of the Pahokee station has not been announced.

Engineer Langford, of the F. E. C. construction department, said in West Palm Beach this week that no arrangements have been made for extending the road beyond Canal Point and Pahokee this year. He decided that bids had been called for for work beyond these points. What decision may be reached later, he had no idea, he said.

AROUND THE LAKE

Vance Morris of Fort Lauderdale registered at the Glades hotel one day this week.

Felix H. Whidden, West Palm Beach real estate man, advertises in this issue two choice tracts of ridge land.

It is reported here that Mrs. Clay Johnson, wife of the owner of the steamboats Lily and Osceola, died at her home in Kissimmee this week.

Jimmie Green of Arcadia, a trucker who usually has a large acreage at Moore Haven, visited Canal Point this week in company of M. L. Gamage, a former resident of Arcadia who now lives at Pahokee.

The mail boat Wilma brought 79 hampers of beans from the island to Canal Point Wednesday night. Mr. Weeks took about half of them to West Palm Beach for sale on the local market and the rest were sent to Clewiston for express shipment to the north.

C. P. H. S. NEWS

Editor—Sadie Cochran.
Assistant Editor—Edward Moody.
Current Events Editor—H. Larimore.

Business Manager—S. E. Gamage.
Joke Editor—Witt Guse.

Miss Katherine Buchanan is sick with the flu. Her friends hope for a speedy recovery.

Miss Tommie Gray was absent Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Juanita Elliott was absent Tuesday morning.

Mrs. A. Hansen visited the school Tuesday morning.

The teachers returned to Canal Point Sunday evening.

Miss Rosalee Waters has moved to West Palm Beach. She will attend school there.

Henry Larimore resumed his studies this week.

S. E. Gamage, business manager of C. P. H. S. News is visiting friends and relatives in Arcadia for a few days.

The biology class will not have any more experiments until January. They should be pretty good detectives by now, after tracing the course of the blood and discovering different microbes.

NOTES ON THE JUNIOR-SENIOR ENGLISH CLASS

The Junior-Senior English class has completed the work assigned in the English Literature book, and to keep the pupils from yawning, Mr. Asson has thoughtfully schemed and at last announced that each student will be required to write one theme each week, much to the gratification of the students. Last week themes were so perfect that each student had the pleasure of rewriting them. During intermissions the class is reading Shakespeare's play, "You like it," which is so much like its title that it, almost, hurls energetic pupils to sleep.

L. N. S.—Senior.

JOKES

Tommy—Our Latin teacher must be pretty old.

Devanee—What makes you think so?

Tommy—He told the class he had taught Caesar and Cicero for five years.

Passenger—How often does your train kill a man?

Conductor—Only once.

Henry—I bought a new typewriter yesterday.

S. E.—Yes, that's what Devanee told me. Do you like it?

Henry—Yes, but the trouble with the blamed thing is, it can't spell any better than I can.

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BACTERIA IN SOIL CAN BE RESTORED BY STABLE MANURE

LOSSBY HIGH WATERNEED
NOT BE PERMANENT

Inoculation Will Eradicate The
"Bald" Spots In Land;
Method Advised

If the overflow water which has stood on some land in the Everglades since the first week in October, a period of nearly two months, has killed soil bacteria, which is necessary to the production of satisfactory crops, the soil can be reimpregnated by a method stated by R. E. Rose, state chemist. The method is to use stable manure.

Mr. Rose advised the use of stable manure for this purpose in a pamphlet he prepared for the Florida department of agriculture in 1922. The method he advised is endorsed by R. A. Conkling, the farm demonstration agent for Palm Beach county, and by other good practical farmers. The Everglades News recommends that farmers in the Glades read carefully the following quoted paragraphs from Mr. Rose's pamphlet and use the method in all cases where water has stagnated.

"It has long been well known in Florida and other states where swamp and overflowed lands, generally muck, marl or prairie-lands covered with water, on which no growth was found except aquatic growth (saw grass, flags, lily pads, sphagnum, rushes, and similar aquatic or swamp growth), which have recently, been imperfectly drained, or temporarily overflowed, that frequent failures occurred in producing satisfactory crops, though large applications of commercial fertilizers were made. This condition applied to lands recently, imperfectly drained, that had been permanently covered with water six inches to two feet deep; and also to lands periodically submerged during the rainy season for six weeks to two months or more, though large applications of commercial fertilizers were made, satisfactory crops were not obtained.

"It was, however, soon discovered that the application of a small quantity of stable manure (frequently one-half sawdust or shavings) with the addition of commercial fertilizer, produced abundant crops, particularly of vegetable and truck crops. The farmer had learned 'how to produce large crops on recently drained lands, or lands temporarily submerged, although he did not know why.' The facts were that recently drained lands, or lands temporarily submerged, had been deprived of their living bacteria, by drowning, submerged in water and deprived of air, free oxygen. The added stable manure had introduced living bacteria, themselves microscopical plants, millions of which were found in the most minute particle of stable manure. These necessary bacteria are similar to 'yeast' and are necessary in all fertile and productive soil, to prepare available, soluble food for higher plants. They are universally distributed, and will, if not submerged in water for sufficient time to drown them, occupy all properly drained and cultivated soil.

"There are numerous 'bald spots' or unproductive areas in Florida and other states, particularly in the humid regions, where such areas are found. This is generally caused by lack of drainage, or sour or acid soil, in which bacteria does not thrive, or lands subject to temporary overflow for a time sufficient to drown the bacteria, and also the cultivated crops.

"A temporary 'freshet' does not material damage, but stagnant water, particularly under the heat of a summer sun, will certainly destroy all bacteria necessary in productive soil.

"One of the most effective and economical methods of introducing bacteria quickly is to apply a thin dressing of stable manure on properly drained soil, in which both water and air can freely circulate. These conditions apply not only to the Everglades and other muck soils, but also in many thousands of acres of our flat woods and prairie soils, wonderfully productive when properly drained; sadly disappointing when not so drained, thus allowing the circulation of those life-giving elements—water and air—required in all productive soils; without which all plant or animal life perishes."

The Everglades News gives the warning, however, that the stable man-

GLADES WEATHER

Record of meteorological observations taken by the undersigned as a cooperative observer of the Weather Bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture during the week ending November 29, 1924.

Date	High	Low	Rain
23	67	48	—
24	69	51	—
25	67	47	—
26	70	51	—
27	72	53	—
28	71	50	—
29	75	56	—

A. C. MOWAT,
Cooperative Observer.

Everglades Experiment Station Belle Glade

Weather report for week ending November 29, 1924.

Date	Max.	Min.	Rain	Evapo- ration
23	75	50	0.06	—
24	73	53	0.00	—
25	77	57	0.00	—
26	67	54	0.00	0.155
27	72	58	0.00	0.107
28	70	59	0.00	0.105
29	70	59	0.00	0.091

GEO. E. TEDDER, Recorder.

Record of meteorological observations taken by the undersigned as a cooperative observer of the Weather Bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture during the week ending November 30, 1924.

Date	High	Low	Rain
24	75	45	—
25	70	52	—
26	74	46	—
27	78	51	—
28	76	54	—
29	75	53	—
30	68	38	—

H. P. PETERSON,
Cooperative Observer.

Canal Point
Temperature, sunshine and rainfall
record at Canal Point, Florida, for
week ending November 30, 1924.

Date	High	Low	Rain
24	75	45	—
25	62	55	—
26	71	55	—
27	71	55	—
28	70	68	—
29	60	49	—
30	60	49	—

Average 69 55
Rainfall since January 1, 1924, 60.99
inches.

Gauge above the locks 194 feet;
gauge below the locks 184. Reading
made Nov. 30, 1924.

C. F. SHEFFIELD.

PUT OKEECHOBEE LAND IN DRAINAGE AREA

OKEECHOBEE, Dec. 2.—Owners of property, comprising 1,483.66 acres of land met in the office of the Okeechobee Company Saturday for the purpose of organizing a drainage district, tentative plans having already been adopted.

The property lies near this city southeast, with southern boundary on Lake Okeechobee, eastern boundary on Taylor creek, and western boundary on Parrott avenue, and northern boundary on Tenth street.

Officers of the drainage district were chosen at the meeting Saturday. City Engineer F. E. Lawrence having already been chosen engineer of the district.

The Okeechobee Company, controlled by W. J. Conners, owns 736 acres in the district and Mr. Conners has 30 acres personally. The remainder of the acreage is held in tracts ranging from half an acre to 27 acres.

NEW PASTOR DUE

OKEECHOBEE, Nov. 28.—Rev. Samuel G. Shick, of Port Huron, Mich., is expected to arrive in the city the latter part of the week, and will take charge of the Presbyterian church here. He will preach next Sunday in Clement's Hall.

He should be selected carefully. Man- ticks may not have any bacteria left in it. Readers who know where good stable manure can be had are requested to let us know.

WHAT ARE GOOD SEED POTATOES

By L. O. Gratz, Assistant Plant
Pathologist

William Stuart, horticulturist of the United States Department of Agriculture, whose work is to improve the potato, defines good seed potatoes as "stock that is pure with respect to the variety; that has been produced under favorable climatic conditions; that is somewhat immature, reasonably uniform in size and shape, and firm and sound, with the first sprouts beginning to develop at planting time." This is what the Florida grower must plant if he is to continue profitable potato growing.

How can he obtain such seed stock? Certainly not by buying "just potatoes." Potatoes bought blindly are usually not pure as to variety. There is no assurance that they were produced by healthy, vigorous, heavy-yielding plants, even though their general appearance may be perfect. Uniformity of size and shape does not guarantee disease-free stock.

All seed potato-producing states are following some definite plan of improvement. The fields to be used for seed must be planted with practically disease-free stock. They are carefully watched during the growing season by men familiar with vine diseases, who make accurate estimates of the actual amount of disease present. The growers are informed early of the condition of their fields. They are taught which of the plants are diseased, and are instructed to remove them in order to prevent further infection by insects and other carriers of the organisms which cause the diseases. A later field inspection or two is made to ascertain if the diseased plants have been removed, and if there is any further disease development. If the percentage of diseased plants at these field inspections is greater than the standard set (always a low percentage) by the bureau of seed improvement, such fields are declared unfit for seed purposes.

Most of the destructive diseases are detected during these field inspections. Among them, and probably the most injurious, are the degenerative vine diseases such as spindle tuber, mosaic and "little." These are very evident in the field, cannot be picked out in the bin. According to Bulletin 316 of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station, it has been experimentally determined that in Maine these three diseases alone are responsible for a gross loss in yield of 10 per cent., or, for every 50 acres planted, 5 acres are a total loss because of spindle tuber, mosaic and leaf-roll. The plants themselves may still be there giving the field a perfect stand. However, the decrease in yield is so uniformly scattered over the entire field that even a heavy loss may not be evident to the grower.

Potatoes harvested from those fields which have not been disinfected are again observed in the bin, or at shipping time, or both. They are inspected for tuber diseases, uniformity of size and shape, cuts and bruises, and appearance in general. If they conform with the standard now, the official state tag is placed on each container. This is a guarantee that the condition of the fields was observed throughout the entire season, or for several seasons, that the tubers are practically disease-free, and, therefore, are fit for seed potatoes.

Repeated inspections of every plant in the field and the removal of the diseased plants and tubers several times during the season makes such seed potatoes more expensive. No breeder of cattle would start his herd with animals other than those which have good records back of them. No potato grower in Florida can afford to start probably his only crop for the year with anything but the best of seed stock. It would seem false economy to suffer a 10 per cent loss, or more, rather than pay even a dollar a bag more, or five dollars an acre more, for better seed. An increase in yield of only a barrel or two of marketable potatoes would amply repay the grower for the extra cost.

What shall the Florida grower buy? "Seed potatoes which I know have been produced by healthy, vigorous, and heavy-yielding plants," he should answer. Under the present system the guarantee of such seed stock is the official state certification tag found on all packages containing them.

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Sunday, Nov. 16	19.6	19.2	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.6	19.2	19.8	19.8
Monday, Nov. 17	19.6	19.2	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.6	19.2	19.8	19.8
Tuesday, Nov. 18	19.6	19.2	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.6	19.2	19.8	19.8
Wednesday, Nov. 19	19.6	19.2	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.6	19.2	19.8	19.8
Thursday, Nov. 20	19.6	19.2	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.6	19.2	19.8	19.8
Friday, Nov. 21	19.6	19.2	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.6	19.2	19.8	19.8
Saturday, Nov. 22	19.6	19.2	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.6	19.2	19.8	19.8

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EXPERIMENTS IN CHILLING TOMATO

Within Certain Time Limits Exposure to Low Temperatures Not Injurious to Tomatoes Provided They Are Not Frozen

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The opinion is rather generally held among dealers and handlers of produce that tomatoes which are fully developed but still green in color when once cooled to low temperatures, even through not frozen, will not ripen normally when held in the ripening rooms, says H. C. Diehl, of the United States Department of Agriculture. They consider that the chilling of tomatoes, that is, cooling them to temperatures which, while low, are not at or below their freezing point may result in the stock becoming soft, lumpy, or wrinkled and shriveled and prevent their taking on the attractive red color. Inasmuch as definite information as to the effect on tomatoes of temperatures slightly higher than their freezing point is lacking, the investigation here reported was undertaken.

Experiments carried on in 1921 with small lots of Acme, Globe, and Stone tomatoes which were fully developed but still green in color gave results which indicated that such tomatoes were not injured when held for one day at temperatures from 30 to 31 degrees F. When subsequently stored at 50 degrees for nine days they ripened very gradually, and if then held at room temperatures of about 70 degrees F. they matured normally in five to seven days. Tomatoes of the same stage of development exposed to a temperature of 32 degrees F. for 14, 20 and 30 days failed to ripen or color. The fruit remained green, was dull and lifeless in appearance, and quickly broke down at room temperatures. Tomatoes of these varieties in the turning stage gave a very acceptable rippled product when exposed for one day to 30 to 31 degrees F., stored for nine days at 50 degrees F., and then removed to room temperatures for two to three days.

Experiments with the same varieties at the same stage of development were repeated in 1922. They were exposed to temperatures ranging from 30 to 31 degrees F. for one day, as in the previous year, with results similar to those of 1921. A temperature of 32 degrees F. maintained for four days had no apparent effect on the ripening of this fruit when it was removed to room temperatures, but if this exposure was prolonged to eight days the fruit, while still retaining its green color, broke down and decayed when removed to a warm room. Tomatoes of the three varieties mentioned were also tested when in the turning stage with results similar to those obtained for fruit fully developed but still green in color. It may be added that the area "showing red color on turning fruit has been observed to increase in size while the fruit was exposed to a temperature of 32 degrees F.

The experiments of 1921 and 1922 indicated that while a certain degree of chilling was perhaps not injurious, the length of time the tomatoes were held at these low temperatures had an important bearing on the effect produced. With the purpose of obtaining information on this point, Globe tomato which were fully developed but still green in color were packed in ordinary six-basket carriers after being wrapped and were then exposed to chilling-room temperatures, which never went above 32 degrees and for most of the time were between 31 and 31.5 degrees, with some readings as low as 30.5 degrees F. Great care was taken to determine whether any fruit was frozen at these temperatures, but no evidences of freezing was detected. At the same time, tomatoes of the same variety in the turning stage packed in California bags without being wrapped were exposed to the same temperature conditions as those prevailing for the green-colored fruit.

Harvey and Wright made determinations of freezing points of ripe Globe and Acme tomatoes and found the average for the former to be 30.58 degrees, and for the latter 30.46 degrees. Since, in general, they were not able to demonstrate any significant difference between the freezing points of full-grown green tomatoes and those that were ripe, it may be assumed that these figures indicate approximately the average freezing point also for the green fruit. While the freezing points of tomatoes vary from year to year, it will be observed that the temperatures at which the fully developed green fruits and those which were turning were held for the experiments described in this article were very close to the freezing point for the variety, as determined by Harvey and Wright, and certainly were below the freezing point of water when once the fruit had cooled to the room temperature. The cooling was apparently accomplished in a little more than 24 hours.

Examination shows that the ripening of tomatoes which are green in color but otherwise fully developed as far as the taking on of normal red color is concerned is not materially affected by chilling the fruit for 120 hours, but that there is a gradual decrease in the percentage of chilled fruit ultimately showing red or pink color as compared with unchilled lots as the periods of exposure to the low temperatures used in the experiment are lengthened. In the case of the turning Globe tomatoes no such decrease in percentage of red and pink fruit was found within the time

limits of exposure of the experiment, but for green tomatoes the time element seems important in determining whether chilling will be harmful. This was indicated by the work of 1921 and 1922 when it was shown that Acme, Globe and Stone tomatoes which were practically fully developed but still green in color could be chilled for four days with no apparent effect on the subsequent color or condition of the fruit, but that periods of exposure for eight, ten and longer were harmful. It is important to note the fact, however, that Globe tomatoes which are still green in color though mature when handled and packed in the commercial way can be subjected to temperatures not far above the freezing point for 120 hours, or five days, without materially affecting the color and flavor of the ripened product as compared with collateral lots of fruit also ripened off the vine. This does not mean that exposure to low temperatures has no effect on the ripening process of the tomato, but it does indicate that within the limits expressed above this effect is not of commercial importance.

The experiments which have been described indicated that exposing tomatoes to temperatures just above the freezing point to the extent of 120 hours or five days, without materially affecting the subsequent ripening of this fruit. It is a well-known fact that green tomatoes are practically worthless, if frozen, the ripening processes being totally arrested so that the fruit can not afterwards be brought to ripeness. However, the effect of undercooling without the formation of ice upon the subsequent ripening of such tomatoes at room temperatures had not been determined. For the purpose of obtaining evidence as to the effect of this treatment, Globe tomatoes, some of which were practically fully developed but green in color and others just beginning to turn red, were undercooled in an air temperature averaging 26 degrees F. The internal temperatures of each tomato was read with a single-junction copper constantan thermocouple of the type described by Taylor, by means of a potentiometer and a galvanometer. The methods followed in undercooling the tomatoes were similar to those employed in the freezing investigations of this project.

Thirty-three Globe tomatoes in the turning stage were similarly undercooled, the average of the lowest internal temperatures being 27.8 degrees, with a maximum of 28.5 degrees and a minimum of 26.9 degrees. These also ripened normally after being removed from the low temperatures without ice having formed on them.

Forty-three of the wrapped green Globe tomatoes were undercooled, the average lowest internal temperature being 27.7 degrees, with a maximum of 29 degrees and a minimum of 26.5 degrees. The temperature of the fruit was raised after undercooling, without ice forming in the tissues, and the tomatoes were then placed at room temperatures. All of them ripened normally as to color and condition and apparently were no different from fruit which had been brought to the ripe stage off the vine without previously having been exposed to low temperatures.

In this way it was demonstrated that not only chilling in the ordinary sense within certain limits is not harmful to the tomato and does not materially alter the subsequent ripened product, but even undercooling to points as low as 35 degrees F. below the freezing point of the fruit is not harmful.

The results of the experiments described in this article indicate that within certain time limits an exposure to low temperatures is not injurious to tomatoes provided they are not frozen. It has been shown that exposure to temperatures just above the freezing point is not harmful to Globe tomatoes which were practically fully developed but still green in color or which were just beginning to change color, if this exposure is not extended beyond five days, and it has also been shown that tomatoes may be cooled below their freezing points for a short time without apparent injury if they do not freeze.

J. N. Tyner is receiving from time to time the 1200 baby chicks he ordered several weeks ago. Seven hundred of the chicks had come up to Saturday of last week and the rest will come at intervals. The chicks cost 16 cents each, allowing for losses the cost may run as much as 25 cents. Mr. Tyner estimates that their feed will not cost more than 25 cents. That makes a total of under 50 cents. When they are 10 or 12 weeks old they can be sold for a dollar each. Mr. Tyner says, and he estimates that around a thousand dollars can be made during the winter. The labor of caring for the chickens can be done by a family in time that would otherwise be idle.

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The school boys and several members of the community got together and built a board walk supplemented with earth works in places, from the canal to the school house.

Sunday school and church also resumed services at the school building Sunday. The weather was cool. Heat from a wood-stove was much enjoyed.

The Sunday school and day school united in donating \$6.60 for the Orphan Children's home at Jacksonville.

All grades from the third grade up have been enjoying "spell-downs" on words taken from Palm Beach county map drawings, and other geographical words lately studied.

The school grounds are very wet in places but pupils find space for enjoying base ball and basket ball games.

A Junior Audubon Club has been organized.

PRODUCE MARKET

NEW YORK (Clear) Beans: Supplies limited, demand good for good stock, market steady, Florida 7-8 bu. hampers round green best mostly \$6@7, few sales small lots higher ordinary mostly \$4.50@5 was best mostly \$6, few high as \$6.50 ordinary \$4@4.50 mostly \$4.50@5. Eggplant: Supplies moderate, demand moderate, market about steady.

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CHICAGO: (Clear) Beans: No carlot arrivals, no cars on track, supplies light, demand moderate, market firm for good stock Florida bushel hampers green \$3.50@4 fancy \$5@5.50 poor low as \$2.50. Eggplant: No carlot arrivals, no cars on track, supplies moderate, demand moderate market steady Florida crates green \$3@3.50 fancy \$6 poor \$3.50@4.

BALTIMORE: (Clear) Eggplant: Express receipts very light, market firm for good stock, Florida pepper crates fancy \$5, choice \$3.50. Tomatoes: Express receipts very light, market firm for good stock, Florida: Sixes turning wrapped fancy \$8@9 poorer \$4, choice \$2.50@3. Peppers: Express receipts very light, market firm Florida pepper crates fancy \$5@6 mostly \$3.50. Beans: Express receipts very light, market strong, Florida 7-8 bu. hampers green \$6, pale green fair \$4.50.

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